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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

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Chairman Michael Powell
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554.

RE: *NARUC's Nomination of The Honorable Robert M. Clayton, III of the Missouri Public Service Commission to Replace California Commissioner Loretta Lynch as a NARUC representative to the North American Numbering Council. (Filed in CC Docket 92-237)*

Dear Chairman Powell,

In December, California Commissioner Loretta Lynch left the commission to pursue other interests. Her departure leaves vacant one of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner's (NARUC's) representatives to the North American Numbering Council (NANC).

In accordance with Section 25 of NARUC's *Policy Governing Committees and Representatives*, I nominate THE HONORABLE ROBERT M. CLAYTON, III of the MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION to fill the position on the NANC vacated by Commissioner Lynch. For your convenience, I have attached a short biographical sketch of Commissioner Clayton.

If you have any questions about this nomination, please do not hesitate to call me at 360.664.1173 or mshowalter@wutc.wa.gov, or please feel free to contact Brad Ramsay at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Robert M. Clayton III was appointed by Governor Bob Holden to a six-year term on the Public Service Commission on April 28, 2003. He received Senate confirmation on May 8, 2003. Commissioner Clayton replaces Sheila Lumpe who retired.

Prior to his appointment to the PSC, Commissioner Clayton was an attorney in private law practice in Hannibal (Clayton & Curl L.L.C.). Mr. Clayton formerly served Marion and Shelby County constituents in the Missouri General Assembly as a state representative from the 10th District. He was first elected to the Missouri House in 1994 and for one term served as the youngest member of the Chamber. He served until 2002 when term limits barred him from seeking re-election.

As a state legislator, he chaired the House Ethics Committee, the Joint Committee on Legislative Research and was Vice-Chairman of the Criminal Law Committee. He also served on the following House committees-Appropriations-Transportation, Agriculture and Judiciary. While in the legislature, Clayton served on the Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments and the Southern Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Clayton is a past recipient of the President's Award from the Missouri Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and serves as a board member for the Northeast Sheltered Workshop, the Mark Twain Home Board, Avenues Domestic Violence Shelter and the Kids In Motion Advisory Board.

Clayton received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Southern Methodist University in 1991 and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1994.